

REMARKS

Amendments to claims 16, 42, 69, 71, 73, and 74 are to rewrite these claims in independent form. Amendment to claims 2-6, 8-11, 13, 17-21, 23-26, 30-37, 39, 43-47, 56-59, and 61-67 are to change claim dependencies. Claims 11, 18, 37, and 44 have also been amended to bring these claims into conformity with the language of their respective base claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 16, 42, 69, 71, 73, and 74 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been rewritten in independent form, and the remaining claims have been amended to depend from these claims. Thus, with entry of this amendment, all claims should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

To the extent that any arguments and disclaimers were presented to distinguish prior art, or for other reasons substantially related to patentability, during the prosecution of any and all parent and related application(s)/patent(s), Applicant(s) hereby explicitly retracts and rescinds any and all such arguments and disclaimers, and respectfully requests that the Examiner re-visit the prior art that such arguments and disclaimers were made to avoid.

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